

Pandemic H1N1 Vaccine Availability

Supplies are limited. . .

- ⇒ The Federal Government has purchased a large quantity of H1N1 vaccine for the public. However, because it takes time to make and distribute vaccine, not all vaccine is available at once.
- ⇒ As a result, communities nationwide—including Los Angeles County—don't have enough H1N1 vaccine right now.
- ⇒ Vaccine is first available for people who fall into the target groups listed in the blue box. People in these groups should first contact their health-care provider about the vaccine.
- ⇒ Those people who don't fall into the target groups will get vaccinated in coming weeks as vaccine production increases.
- ⇒ For those without medical insurance and those whose healthcare providers do not have vaccine, mass vaccination clinics will be available throughout Los Angeles County.
- ⇒ Schedules for mass vaccination clinics are available at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov. Please be prepared to wait, as the clinics anticipate large turnout.

H1N1 Vaccine Target Groups

- Pregnant women
- People living with or caring for infants under 6 months of age
- Emergency medical services personnel and health care workers
- Children and young adults from 6 months through 24 years
- People aged 25 through 64 years with chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease, asthma, diabetes, or weakened immune systems

. . . but more vaccine is on its way.

- ⇒ Over the coming weeks and months, H1N1 vaccine will become increasingly available.
- ⇒ The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health expects that an ample supply of the H1N1 vaccine will be available by late November.
- ⇒ Vaccine will be soon be available at several local community clinics.
- ⇒ In the meantime, continue to protect yourself against the flu by avoiding people who are sick and washing your hands often.



Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov>

For more information:

Check with your regular medical provider to find out how you can get your seasonal and H1N1 vaccines.

If you don't have a regular medical provider, call 2-1-1 toll-free or visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.